

DRAFT AGENDA  
**WATER POLICY INTERIM COMMITTEE**

[[Location to be determined]], Hamilton, MT  
Tuesday, January 15, 2008-Wednesday, January 16, 2008

**NOTE: AGENDA ITEM TIMES ARE APPROXIMATE—SOME ITEMS MAY TAKE MORE OR LESS TIME THAN IS ALLOTTED.**

**Tuesday, January 15, 2008:**

- 9:00 a.m.        **Call to Order - Roll Call**
- 9:05 a.m.        **Administrative Matters**  
                    1. Minutes  
                    2. WPIC budget overview
- 9:10 a.m.        **Water Marketing -- Committee Direction**  
                    1. Committee Discussion regarding pieces of water marketing to focus on  
                    2. Public Comment  
                    3. Committee Discussion and Action, if any
- 9:30 a.m.        **Water Right Application process**  
                    1. Step by step discussion of existing water right application process, similarities and differences in the HB 831 process, and change applications -- DNRC  
                    2. Applicant Perspective -- Lee Wolfe, Applicant  
                    3. Committee Questions  
                    4. Public Comment  
                    5. Committee Discussion and Action, if any
- 11:00 a.m.        **HB 831 Implementation Update** — Terri McLaughlin, DNRC  
                    1. Update  
                    2. Policy issues, problems, or proposals  
                    3. Committee Questions  
                    3. Public comment  
                    4. Committee discussion and action (if any)
- 11:30 a.m.        **HB 831 Case Study Progress** — John Metesh, Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology  
                    1. Case study site locations and contact progress  
                    2. Other case study information and progress  
                    3. Committee Questions  
                    4. Public Comment  
                    5. Committee Discussion and Action, if any
- 12:00 p.m.        **Lunch** (on your own)
- 1:00 p.m.        **Follow up on exempt well issues requested by committee at Choteau meeting**  
                    1. Department of Natural Resources Numbers -- Rich Moy  
                    2. Montana Association of Realtors Numbers -- Michael Nicklin  
                    3. Committee Questions

4. Public Comment
  5. Committee Discussion and Action, if any
- 1:30 p.m.      **Public Comment** on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the WPIC
- 2:00 p.m.      **Water Reservation for Department of Transportation** -- Mr. Petesch
1. Working bill draft presentation
  2. Committee Questions
  3. Public Comment
  4. Committee Discussion and Action, if any
- 2:30 p.m.      **Adjudication related issues** -- Ms Evans
1. Working bill draft presentation
  2. Committee Questions
  3. Public Comment
  4. Committee Discussion and Action, if any
- 3:30 p.m.      **Accelerated permitting process -- HB 831** -- Ms. Evans
1. Working bill draft presentation
  2. Committee Questions
  3. Public Comment
  4. Committee Discussion and Action, if any
- 4:30 p.m.      **Water Right Enforcement** -- Ms. Evans
1. Working bill draft presentation
  2. Committee Questions
  3. Public Comment
  4. Committee Discussion and Action, if any
- 5:00 p.m.      **Committee Discussion and Analysis of days topics**
- 5:30 p.m.      **WPIC Meeting Recess**

**Wednesday, January 16, 2008:**

- 8:00 a.m.      **Reconvene WPIC Meeting**
- 8:05 a.m.      **Notice of Intent to Drill** -- Mr. Petesch
1. Working bill draft presentation
  2. Committee Questions
  3. Public Comment
  4. Committee Discussion and Action, if any
- 8:30 a.m.      **Ground water quality** -- Mr. Petesch
1. Working bill draft presentation
  2. Committee Questions
  3. Public Comment
  4. Committee Discussion and Action, if any

- 9:30 a.m.      **Permitting process disconnect -- water rights and subdivisions -- Ms. Evans**  
1. Working bill draft presentation  
2. Committee Questions  
3. Public Comment  
4. Committee Discussion and Action, if any
- 10:30 a.m.      **Data study program -- Mr. Petesch**  
1. Working bill draft presentation -- including funding options  
2. Committee Questions  
3. Public Comment  
4. Committee Discussion and Action, if any
- 11:30 a.m.      **Fish, wildlife, and parks process for determining instream flow levels and when fishing closures are necessary -- FWP Staff**  
1. Committee Questions  
2. Public Comment  
3. Committee Discussion and Action, if any
- 12:30 p.m.      **Lunch**
- 1:30 a.m.      **Committee Discussion and Analysis of days topics**  
1. Prioritization of topics  
2. Work Plan assessment
- 2:00 p.m.      **Public Comment** on any matter not contained in this agenda and that is within the jurisdiction of the WPIC
- 2:30 p.m.      **Other Business**
- 2:45 p.m.      **Instructions to Staff**
- 3:00 p.m.      **Adjourn**

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Our website address for this interim is:

[http://leg.mt.gov/css/lepo/2007\\_2008/water\\_policy/default.asp](http://leg.mt.gov/css/lepo/2007_2008/water_policy/default.asp)

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